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1. The Berlin SPD was not represented at the Munich conference. Originally it was planned to send Franz Neumann and Kurt Swolinzky. Neumann was too busy with local parliamentary work, and the next prospect, Dr. Suhr, was needed for the current fight over the FDGB. Consequently, Swolinzky and Ida Wolff were nominated, but they were refused travel orders by U.S. Military Government. Dr. Schumacher and Erich Ollenhauer, of the SPD Central Office in Hannover, gave a report on the Munich conference to Berlin Social Democrats during their visit in late January.

2. Erich Brost, a former Socialist youth leader in Danzig, has been installed as head of the SPD Berlin office. He had been editor-in-chief of an Essen paper and is regarded as a devout follower of the Schumacher line. He is reported to have been on good terms with Communists in the Ruhr and is supposed to be well qualified to get along with Russian occupation authorities.

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Comment: The appointment of Brost is apparently the fulfillment of the SPD plan for a permanent delegation in Berlin as reported in November-December 1946.

3. The Berlin SPD has decided to include Brost in Executive Committee meetings. Brost will be informed of all local SPD problems in order to pass them on to Hannover and in order to have the necessary background for taking action in Berlin. No one else has been named for this Berlin office yet. Frau Renner, who formerly maintained a rather loose liaison with Hannover, has left her position and returned to Hannover.

4. The Berlin SPD has appointed a "Foreign Policy Committee" consisting of Paul Lbbe as chairman, Dr. Suhr, Ida Wolff, and Gercke. Without informing Berlin, the Munich Conference included Lbbe in the Foreign Affairs Committee formed there. Now his whole Berlin Committee is to be incorporated in the Munich Committee. The function of this committee is to prepare material on boundaries, reparations, economic potential, and other German questions for presentation to the Allied authorities as the official SPD stand. The Berlin members are especially concerned with the eastern boundary question.

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